

## GATHERED GEMS

### Economical.

"The servant that works for me must be very economical," said the boarding house mistress to the applicant for work.

"Of'm such a one, mum," promptly returned the applicant. "Indeed, me last mistress discharged me for bein' that way!"

"For being economical?"

"Yes, wid me o' thes. O! used to wear hers."—The Bohemian.

### Post Mortem Inquiry.

A student at a medical college was under examination. The instructor asked him: "Of what cause, specifically, did the people die who lost their lives at the eruption of Herculaneum and Pompeii?"

"I think the cause of an eruption, sir," answered the student.—Argonaut.

Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't cure them. Doan's Ointment cures itching, bleeding or protruding piles after years of suffering. At any drug store.

### MR. C. K. SLONNEGER.

The world seems dark and life not worth living to the person who suffers from indigestion and stomach trouble year in and year out, in spite of his efforts to be cured. But it is all a question of being fortunate enough to strike the right medicine. C. K. Slonneger, Liberty, Ind., says the right medicine for indigestion and stomach trouble is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which cured him. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1 a bottle.

### VALUABLE AS HONEY FINDER

See Cuckoo of Africa of Great Service to the Natives and Protected by Them.

One of the most sagacious of birds is certainly the bee cuckoo, or moroc, a little bird very like the English sparrow.

It is found in various parts of Africa where wild bees abound, and, being unable to help itself to the honey, which is its favorite food, it resorts to human aid.

Having discovered a swarm of bees, it flies to the nearest habitation, and attracts by its cries of "Cherr, cherr, cherr," the attention of some of the natives. It then flies off in the direction of the nest, uttering its cry and waiting for its followers to overtake it. Should they be tardy it returns to meet them, and seems as if trying to urge them on to greater speed, the natives answering it with a low whistle.

Arrived at its destination, it is silent, waiting patiently on the bough of a neighboring tree while its human friends dig out the nest, a good share of the honey on the comb containing the bee maggots, being left by them for their feathered guide.

The natives never injure this bird.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters is a cleansing blood tonic. Makes you clear-eyed, clear-brained, clear-skinned.

### A Hogarthian Inn Sign.

One of the most humorous inn signs is "The Man Loaded with Mischief," which is found about a mile from Cambridge, England, on the Madingley road. The original "Mischief" was designed by Hogarth for a public house in Oxford street.

It is needless to say that the sign-board and even the name, have long ago disappeared from the busy London thoroughfare, but the quaint device must have been extensively copied by country sign painters. There is a "Mischief" at Wallingford and a "Load of Mischief" at Norwich. The inn on the Madingley road, exhibits the sign in its original form. Though the colors are much faded from exposure to the weather, traces of Hogarthian humor can be detected. A man is staggering under the weight of a woman, who is on his back. She is holding a glass of gin in her hand; a chain and padlock are around the man's neck, labeled "Wedlock." On the right hand is the shop of "S. Gripe, Pawnbroker," and a carpenter is just going in to pledge his tools.

Feel languid, weak, run down? Headache? Stomach "off"? Just a plain case of lazy liver. Burdock Blood Bitters tones liver and stomach, promotes digestion, purifies the blood.

### China Figurines.

Those who like the oddity of the little carved ivory figurines and ornaments and who cannot afford the prices asked for them, will be interested in the clever imitations of these which are now being brought from overseas.

The imitations are of china, but so cleverly done that without a placard one takes them for the real thing.

The ivory tone is admirably preserved and the range of subjects, sizes and so forth are almost as great as in the original, the Japanese groups and animals being especially happy.

They cost but a fraction of the prices of the real novelties, ranging from 18 cents to five dollars, according to the nature of the object selected.

### MESSRS. RIDGILL AND BURNS

Thousands of people have stomach trouble, constipation, indigestion, sick headache, etc., and don't know what to do for it. Perhaps the experience of Mr. Ridgill, postmaster at Bruceville, Texas, and Mr. Burns, Wabash, R. R. engineer, Bement, Ill., will suggest a method. Both of these men take pleasure in saying that they cured themselves with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1 a bottle.

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### WILLIAM WANTED NO LAWYER.

Reason Assigned Was Something of a Blur on the Profession.

When Justice Buffum opened court in a small town in southern Georgia one morning last week, he called loudly: "Jones against Johnson!"

A diffident gentleman came to the bar, and said: "I am Dr. Jones, your honor, the complaining witness. My children were stolen and found in the possession of—"

"One moment, doctor," the judge interrupted. "We must have the defendant at the bar. Jones against Johnson! Jones against Johnson! Is the defendant present? Is William Johnson in court?"

A tall and shuffling negro shuffled to the bar, ducked his head, pulled his woolly forelock in token of respect, and grinned a propitiatory grin.

"Ah! the Willyum Johnson, please sur, judge," he said. "Ah! doan' know nuffin 'bout no 'fendant, suh. Ah! jes' de man wot took de chick'ns."

"Don't talk like that," the court warned William. "You ought to have a lawyer to speak for you. Where's your lawyer?"

"Ah! ain't got no lawyer, fudge!"

"Very well, then," said his honor, "I'll assign a lawyer to defend you."

"Oh, no, suh; no, suh! Please doan' do dat!" William begged.

"Why not?" asked the judge. "It won't cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"

"Well, ah! I tell yo', sah," said William, waving his tattered old hat confidentially. "Hit's jes' dis-a-way—ah wan' tuh enjoy dem chick'ns masef!"

—Harp's Weekly.

### Do You Get Up

#### With a Lame Back?

#### Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everyone knows of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because of its remarkable health restoring properties. Swamp-Root fulfills almost every wish in overcoming rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night.

Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been thoroughly tested in private practice, and has proved so successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.

When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Home Swamp-Root, Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are sold by all druggists. Don't make any mistake but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

### START OF THE COTTON CROP.

Consensus of Opinion Puts About Four Per Cent. as the Reduction in Acreage.

The New York Journal of Commerce, in its first monthly summary of the condition of cotton, says:

This report, the first of the season, and based on the replies of over 1,500 correspondents of an average date of April 22, is preliminary in character, serving only to show present tendencies. A reduction of about four per cent. is the consensus of opinion, but as planting is only 40 per cent completed, and the season nearly ten days late, final estimates are likely to change this figure when our June report is issued.

Low temperature and lack of rain have been the chief drawbacks thus far, and a change for the better in the way of higher temperatures and good rains would greatly stimulate planting and germination of cotton already seeded. Such conditions have already appeared in some sections, especially in Texas, since the date of these replies.

As a whole, ground has been well prepared, but a slight reduction in the use of fertilizers is shown as compared with last year, when much more were used than usual. The high prices of provisions and grains have been the chief reason for many farmers to provide acreage to small crops and corn at the expense of cotton, but it is too late to accurately gauge this movement. The boll weevil has created considerable alarm in Louisiana and some parts of Mississippi, causing radical contemplated reductions, especially in Louisiana.

The season is 16 days late in Texas and the crop is 46 per cent. planted. All other states, with the exception of Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Missouri, contemplate moderate reductions. The crop in North Carolina is three days early and 34 per cent. planted; in South Carolina it is three days late and 55 per cent. planted; in Georgia six days late and 40 per cent. planted; in Florida five days early and 75 per cent. planted; in Alabama nine days late and 39 per cent. planted; in Mississippi three days late and 46 per cent. planted; in Louisiana seven days late and 67 per cent. planted; in Tennessee four days late and 16 per cent. planted; in Arkansas one day early and 35 per cent. planted; in Missouri

### No Pirate Gold.

Johnny McDermott, the 14-year-old son of a Long Island farmer, had been hearing of Capt. Kidd's buried gold ever since he could remember. In digging a woodchuck out of his hole a few days ago he came across an iron-bound box. He thought he had found a golden treasure for sure, but after lugging it home and breaking it open the contents turned out to be rusty knives, forks and spoons that some robber had buried. All were too badly eaten with rust to be of any good.

### Practically Noiseless.

Gladys—Does that noisy Archie Featherbottom still come to see you?

Maybelle—Yes, he still comes; but he hasn't made a noise like a proposal yet.

## Low Fares



On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, very low fare round trip tickets will be sold via the Cotton Belt Route to points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. Take advantage of these low fares and investigate the wonderful opportunities now open in the Southwest. The 25 day return limit gives you ample time, and you can step over both going and returning.

### The Direct Line to Texas

The Cotton Belt is the direct line from Memphis to the Southwest, through Arkansas. It operates two daily trains, stopping through sleeper, chair cars and smoker cars. Trains from all points make direct connection at Memphis with Cotton Belt trains for the Southwest.

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